

District Judge James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Defendant.

Case No. C18-1387 JLR

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND  
ORDER

Plaintiff SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL (“SSL”) filed the above-captioned lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) against Defendant U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (“DOI”), seeking disclosure of certain documents. The parties provide this status report pursuant to the Court’s January 8, 2021 Minute Order. Dkt. No. 45.

The only remaining issue in this litigation is SSL’s claim for fees and costs. The parties have commenced settlement discussions that, if successful, will resolve the case in full without additional judicial intervention. However, the parties require an additional week as there has been some delay due to the recent change in administrations and personnel at DOI.

For good cause, the parties respectfully request that they be allowed to submit a joint status report on or before February 1, 2021. If at any time in the next 7 days it becomes apparent that resolution between the parties is not feasible, the parties will submit a joint briefing schedule to the Court.

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2 **SO STIPULATED.**

3 Dated this 25th day of January, 2021.

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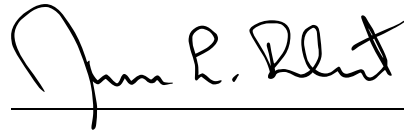
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**ORDER**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this 26th day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Robart", written over a horizontal line.

JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge